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Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Barth on July 2, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

In the amendment to page 33 of the specification filed May 12, 2008, line 4, delete " iron cores 22 of ".

IN THE CLAIMS

In claim 1, line 10, after "direction", insert -- of the mold --.

In claim 1, change last six lines to -- wherein the vibrating magnetic field in which peak positions thereof are shifted along the longitudinal direction of the mold is generated by a vibrating magnetic field generator which comprises at least three magnetic poles including two adjacent pairs of magnetic poles where directions of magnetic forces directions of electromagnetic forces of the adjacent pairs of magnetic poles are opposite to each other, wherein the total of each opposite electromagnetic forces in the at least three magnetic poles are not equal. --

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kuang Y. Lin whose telephone number is 571-272-1179. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 10:00-6:30.,.

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